1	2		3	4	5	6	7
	Union.	Territory					
23	Dadrn	Nagar Haveli	3	40176	5392	1312	15777
24	Daman	& Diti	1	5504	0	185	1788
25	Pondicl	lierry	9	146488	2888	3135	14832
		TOTAL:	1577	26438764	349863	598833	2598094

*Production of spun yarn for the period April 2000 to January 2001 included in the State of Bihar.

†Production of spun yarn for the period 2000 to January 2001 included in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Gold deposits in Chhattisgarh

†*348. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chhattisgarh has gold deposits to the tune of three tonnes as a result of explorations undertaken by the Minerals and Geological Departments;

(b) if so, the locations where the gold depostis have been found in the State; and

(c) the details of arrangements made by Government for their mining?

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) As per the information received from Mineral Resources department. Government of Chhattisgarh, Directorate of Geology and Mining has estimated 2780 kilograms of gold reserves in Sonakhan area of Raipur district and estimated 25 kilograms of placer gold in Tapkara Barjor area of Jashpur district, Chhattisgarh. Indian Bureau of Mines have in their Indian Minerals Year book, 2001. categorized these deposits as possible and probable reserves only.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) The exploration/exploitation of the gold deposits is governed in accordance with National Mineral Policy, 1993 and Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation), Act 1957. According to this Policy, gold, which was hitherto reserved for exploitation by the Public Sector, has been thrown open for Private Sector participation, both domestic and foreign. The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation), Act 1957 was amended in December 1999 to make the provisions more investor friendly.

Proposal to privatise the HAL

*349. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. has offered upto 25 per cent of its value based works to private companies and has reserved for itself only hightcch jobs;

(b) whether Government propose to privatise HAL; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Docs not arise in view of (b) above.